Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

March 2009

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.1 percent between February 2009 and March 2009 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.2 percent. The Regina All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.2 percent while the Saskatoon All-items Index was unchanged during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the March All-items Index increased from February 2009 primarily due to higher prices for sugar and confectionery, dairy products, preserved fruit and fruit preservations and processed meats. Prices also rose for inter-city transportation, traveller accommodations and gasoline.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, housing replacement cost, personal care supplies and equipment and men's clothing. Prices also fell for recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), travel tours and fuel oil and other fuels.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.8 percent between March 2008 and March 2009 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.6 percent and 1.6 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The March All-items Index increased from March 2008 primarily due to higher prices for mortgage interest cost, natural gas, rent and property taxes (including special charges). Prices also increased for food purchased from restaurants, dairy products and fresh vegetables.

These increases were partially offset by decreased prices for gasoline, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, purchase and operation of recreational vehicles and fuel oil and other fuels. Prices also fell for recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles, home entertainment equipment – parts and services and housing replacement cost.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	Mar. 2009	Feb. 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2008 to Mar. 2009
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	116.6	116.5	0.1	1.8
Food	122.1	120.5	1.3	9.2
Shelter	140.9	141.0	-0.1	6.4
Household Operations and Furnishings	103.5	102.8	0.7	1.8
Clothing and Footwear	97.2	97.2	0.0	-0.3
Transportation	104.8	105.6	-0.8	-8.3
Health and Personal Care	108.4	108.8	-0.4	2.7
Recreation, Education and Reading	102.0	102.3	-0.3	-0.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	131.3	131.3	0.0	0.8
All-Items Excluding Energy	115.3	115.2	0.1	2.9
Energy	128.7	128.5	0.2	-5.9
CANADA				
All-Items	114.0	113.8	0.2	1.2
Food	121.5	121.2	0.2	7.9
Shelter	122.6	123.2	-0.5	2.1
Household Operations and Furnishings	106.8	106.4	0.4	2.6
Clothing and Footwear	95.7	93.6	2.2	-0.3
Transportation	110.5	110.2	0.3	-6.2
Health and Personal Care	110.5	110.4	0.1	2.4
Recreation, Education and Reading	101.8	101.1	0.7	0.5
Tobacco and Alcohol	129.7	129.2	0.4	2.4
All-Items Excluding Energy	113.0	112.7	0.3	2.5
Energy	127.1	127.2	-0.1	-11.2
REGINA				
All-Items	116.6	116.4	0.2	2.6
SASKATOON				
All-Items	117.8	117.8	0.0	1.6

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2008 to Mar. 2009
Canada	0.2	1.2
Newfoundland	0.1	0.5
Prince Edward Island	-0.1	-0.2
Nova Scotia	0.2	0.0
New Brunswick	0.3	0.2
Quebec	0.3	0.8
Ontario	0.5	1.8
Manitoba	-0.1	1.1
Saskatchewan	0.1	1.8
Alberta	-0.5	0.9
British Columbia	0.1	1.1
Whitehorse	-0.1	2.3
Yellowknife	-0.2	0.9
Iqaluit	0.5	3.9

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2008 to Mar. 2009
St. John's	0.1	1.1
Charlottetown-Summerside	-0.1	0.2
Halifax	0.2	0.2
Saint John	0.4	0.3
Quebec City	0.4	1.0
Montreal	0.3	1.1
Ottawa	0.5	2.1
Toronto	0.5	2.1
Thunder Bay	0.5	1.9
Winnipeg	-0.1	1.1
Regina	0.2	2.6
Saskatoon	0.0	1.6
Edmonton	-0.5	1.2
Calgary	-0.5	1.1
Vancouver	0.1	1.3
Victoria	0.2	1.1
Whitehorse	-0.1	2.3
Yellowknife	-0.2	0.9
Iqaluit	0.5	3.9

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